

accordance with the present invention showing the web spokes 150 extending substantially transversely across and radially inward from the reinforced annular band 110. In addition, as explained below, a second plurality of web spokes may extend in the equatorial plane.

Please amend paragraph 71 as follows:

Alternatively, depending on the construction materials and process for the annular band 110 and hub or wheel 10, a separate mounting band 160 or interface band may be eliminated and the web spokes molded or formed to directly adhere to the annular band and wheel. For example, if either of the annular band or the wheel or hub is formed with the same or compatible materials, the tire could be manufactured with one step forming or molding the web spokes integrally with the annular band or wheel, in which case, the mounting band 160 and/or interface band 170 are integrally formed as part of the wheel or annular band. Further, the web spokes 150 could be mechanically attached to the wheel, for example, by providing an enlarged portion 151 on the inner end of each web spoke that engages a slot 152 in the wheel 10 as shown in Fig. 16.

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2. (original) The tire according to claim 1, further comprising a tread portion disposed on a radially outer extent of the reinforced annular band.
3. (original) The tire according to claim 1, wherein said means for interconnecting the plurality of web spokes with a wheel comprises a mounting band mutually interconnecting the radially inner ends of the web spokes.
4. (original) The tire according to claim 1, wherein said means for interconnecting the plurality of web spokes with a wheel comprises an enlarged end portion on each of said web spokes adapted to fit in an engaging slot in a wheel.
5. (original) The tire according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of web spokes further comprises a radially outer band mutually interconnecting radially outer ends of the web spokes.
6. (original) The tire according to claim 1, wherein each web spoke is oriented parallel to the axial direction.

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